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COMET *c* 1893.

This comet was discovered on the morning of October 17, by Mr. WILLIAM R. BROOKS of SMITH Observatory, Geneva, N. Y., in the constellation *Virgo*. It was observed here the next morning, and is still under observation. For several days after discovery it increased rapidly in brightness, until, on October 21, it was nearly visible to the naked eye, and its tail was easily traced two or three degrees, even with the bright zodiacal light for a background. Since then it has grown somewhat fainter, but is still a conspicuous object in a telescope.

Professor PORTER, of Cincinnati Observatory, has computed an approximate orbit of the comet. It was nearest to the Sun about September 21, at a distance of 0.83 of the Earth's mean distance from the Sun.

Thus far the comet has moved eastward about $1^m 30^s$ per day, and northward about $45'$ per day. It promises to remain in good position for observing for a considerable time. W. W. C.

November 11, 1893.

NEW QUARTERS FOR ASTRONOMERS AT MOUNT HAMILTON.

A contract has been signed providing for the erection of two brick houses to be used as quarters for Messrs. BARNARD and CAMPBELL. The houses are to be finished by July 1, 1894. The sites selected are about 1000 feet south of the Great Dome.

E. S. H.

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Page 141, line 31, for "fourth quadrant" read "third quadrant."